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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON LAW
OF WAR

REF: (A) STATE 017448 (NOTAL), (B) GENEVA 0492 (NOTAL)

1. ON JANUARY 28 IDLITICAL CONSELOR MADE DEMARCHE
REQUESTED REF BY CALLING ON KALONJI TSHIKALA, DIRECTOR FOR
POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN DEPTFONAFF. KALONJI LISTENED POLITELY AND
NODDED WHEN REMINDED THAT ZAIRE HAD APPARENTLY NOT COME TO OUR
SUPPORT LAST YEAR WHEN PRG ISSUE CAME UP AT FIRST SESSION OF
DIPCON AND AGAIN WHEN IT WAS POSED TO MEMBERS BY SECRETARIAT
OF ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS. KALONJI, REMARKED THAT GOZ
POSITION ON PRG ISSUE HAS WAVERED IN PAST. AS RECENTLY AS LAST
YEAR'S LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE IN CARACAS ZAIRE'S DELEGATION HAD
INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE OBSERVER STATUS FOR PRG. HOWEVER,
KALONJI SAID, POSITION IS NOW

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FIRM. GOZ WILL ABSTAIN ON PRG ISSUE. IN EXPLANATION KALONJI CITED

ZAIRE'S RECOGNITION
OF BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM AND ITS
DESIRE NOT TO CHOOSE SIDES BETWEEN THEM, BUT HE EMPHASIZED
PARTICULARLY THE GROWING TIES BETWEEN ZAIRE AND CHINA.

2. IN LATTER CONNECTION, PRESS REPORTS ARRIVAL IN KINSHASA
JANUARY 27 OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO CONAKRY (TRQN VAN
DUOC) FOR WEEK VISIT, AND FRIENDLY CALL ON PRESIDENT MOBUTU
JANUARY 28 BY CHINESE AMBASSADOR KUNG TA-FEI, JUST BACK FROM
PEKING WHERE HE WENT PRIOR TO MOBUTU'S RECENT VISIT TO CHINA.

3. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM REF (B) THAT ZAIRIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN
GENEVA IS NOT AWARE OF CURRENT THINKING IN GOZ. FACT THAT
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GOZ AND ITS REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD ARE
LESS THAN PERFECT GIVES SOME GROUNDS FOR HOPE THAT ZAIRIAN
POSITION MAY BE MORE SUPPORTIVE OF OUR OWN THAN GOZ AWARE.
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